

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD HELD ON 2010-09-13

A Special meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board was held in the boardroom of the Administration Centre, 235 Montée Lesage, Rosemere, QC on Monday, 2010-09-13.

Present: Commissioners Steve Bletas, Chairman; Carolyn Curiale, Vice-Chairman; Georges Benoit, Mario Di Domenico; Robert Dixon, Nazario Facchino, Walter Fogel, , Peter MacLaurin, Nick Milas, Steve Mitchell, Tom Mouhteros (via telephone), Albina Pace, Merle Parkinson (via telephone), Mike Pizzola, Nancy Rupnik and Edward Turchyniak; Parent Commissioners Lisa Chartier and Angelo Grasso; and Anne-Marie Lepage, Director General.

Also present were: Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General.

Guests: Parent and family of "Student AS".

Absent: Commissioners Steve Kmec, Albina Pace and Nancy Rupnik

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Secretary General advised that the procedure for calling a "special meeting" under section 163 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3) was followed.

#### 1.0 REPORT OF THE APPEALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Secretary General presented the request, received on 2010-08-27, for a review of a decision taken concerning "Student AS" regarding his transfer to a self contained behavioural service at Crestview Elementary School beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

Commissioner Carolyn Curiale MOVED THAT the Council go "in camera". **TIME: 19:07 hours**

**Carried unanimously**

Commissioner Nick Milas entered the meeting during the "in camera" session.

The meeting resumed.

**TIME: 19:46 hours**

The Chairman asked the family of "Student AS" if they had any final representations to make.

One member of the family spoke, on behalf of the others present, to explain the reasons why they did not agree with the decision to transfer "Student AS" to Crestview Elementary School.

The Chairman then asked the Secretary General to present the following resolution for consideration.

#### CC-100913-CA-0008

WHEREAS a student or the parents of a student affected by a decision of an administrator or employee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board may request, in writing to the Secretary General, that the Council of Commissioners reconsider the decision taken, as per sections 9 to 12 of the Education Act (R.S.Q., Chapter I-13.3);

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board heard an appeal concerning "Student AS" on 2009-08-26 and approved resolution # CC-090826-CA-0005, which offered two options to this student, either a transfer to St-Jude Elementary School where a follow-up would take place during the course of the school year or to a self-contained behavioural service at Crestview Elementary School;

WHEREAS the parent and family of "Student AS" opted for the transfer to St-Jude Elementary School;

WHEREAS "Student AS" was serviced throughout the 2009-2010 school year, as per the terms and conditions of an agreement reached with the parent, and the need for more specialized services still remains;

WHEREAS the school board advised the parent and family of "Student AS" of its decision to transfer "Student AS" to a self-contained behavioural service at Crestview Elementary School beginning in the 2010-2011 school year;

WHEREAS the reason **for** this decision pertains to the student' behavioural needs;

WHEREAS a letter dated 2010-08-27 was received from the parent of "Student AS" requesting that the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board reconsider this decision;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners, in accordance with policy #2000-CA-03: *Reconsideration of a Decision Affecting a Student* can mandate the Appeals Review Committee to examine the request and propose recommendations, if applicable, which are then reported to the Council;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board met on 2010-09-07 to examine the administrative decision concerning the transfer of "Student AS" to a self-contained behavioural service at Crestview Elementary School;

WHEREAS the parent and family of "Student AS" had the opportunity to present their reasons for requesting this reconsideration;

WHEREAS the school team also had the opportunity to present their reasons for recommending this transfer;

WHEREAS the members of the Appeals Review Committee have had the opportunity to present their questions to both parties in order to develop a thorough understanding of the issues concerning this transfer in order to formulate recommendations in the best interest of the student;

WHEREAS the Appeals Review Committee has been asked to submit its recommendations with regard to this request to the Council of Commissioners at a Special meeting scheduled for 2010-09-13;

Commissioner Peter MacLaurin MOVED THAT, on the recommendation of the Appeals Review Committee, the Council of Commissioners of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board maintain the decision to transfer "Student AS" to Crestview Elementary School, effective 2010-09-14.

**Carried unanimously**

## **2.0 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Commissioner Grace Nesi MOVED adjournment of the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

**TIME: 20:19 hours**

**NEXT MEETING ⇌ REGULAR ⇌ 2010-09-29**

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Marie-Claude Drouin, Secretary General

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Steve Bletas, Chairman